(b) whether any enquiry was conducted, if so, by when and the result thereof, accident-wise; and

(c) whether the passengers were compensated, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b) During the years 1989-90 and 1990-91, 540 and 532 train accidents respectively took place at different locations on Indian Railways. All these accidents have been inquired into. The inquiries revealed that a majority of the accidents were attributable to human failure, equipment failure and sabotage.

(c) Rs. 53.88 lakhs and Rs. 228.95 lakhs were paid as compensation during 1989-90 and 1990-91, respectively to the passengers involved in train accidents.

849. [Transferred to 30 July, 1991]

Construction of broad gauge line from Ahmednagar to Vaijnath

850. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the new Broad Gauge Railway line from Ahmednagar to Parli Vaijnath via Beed is likely to be taken up for work; and

(b) if so, by when work is likely to start and if not the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The Railways are facing acute constraint of resources. Moreover, the survey report has revealed inadequate traffic prospects on this section.

Assistance to Cooperative Sugar Factories in Maharashtra

851. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Maharashtra have made some suggestions for extending assistance/relaxation to new Cooperative Sugar Factories in Maharashtra so as to make them viable; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) and (b) Government of Maharashtra have suggested recategorisation of Maharashtra State into three zones for the purpose of incentive scheme and have else requested that more funds may be placed at the disposal of National Cooperative Development Corporation (N.C.D.C.) for meeting share capital needs of new cooperative sugar factories.

Formulation of a new incentive scheme is under consideration of Government. During 1991-92, Rs. 30.00 crores have been provided to NCDC under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme for share capital participation, as against Rs. 8.00 crores provided during 1990-91.

Nhava-Sheva-Uran railway line

852. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to take Nhava-Sheva-Uran Railway line on priority;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.